

# Claim for Damages

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COUNTY COUNCIL

Name: MARYLISA Priebe-Olson

(First, Middle, Last (or business name))

Address: see attached

(Home or business)

City

State

Zip

Business  
Phone:

Home  
Phone:

Message / Cell  
Phone:

Date of Birth:

Email Address:

Your Address at time of  
loss / Incident:

Address

City

State

Zip

Date of Incident:

Time of Incident:

Amount Claimed: \$

Address / Location of  
loss/Incident:

Description of Details (Describe how the loss / incident occurred):

see attached

(Attach additional pages and supporting documents as needed.)

King County's Involvement (if possible, please identify employee and/or department involved):

see attached

Witnesses (please provide addresses and phone numbers):

(1)

(2)

(3)

## Complete this section for Metro Transit claims.

Route Number:

Coach / Vehicle Number:

Coach / Vehicle License Number:

I was a: ☐ Bus Passenger

☐ Pedestrian

☐ Owner

☐ Driver of Another Vehicle

☐ Passenger in Another Vehicle

Other (Describe):

Property Damage (please describe the value and extent of the damage to your home, automobile or personal property. Attach estimates, bills or whatever documentation of damages you may have):

Make: Model: Year: License Number: Insurance Name: Policy Number:

Were you injured? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, then complete the following:  
Describe your injury (Identify your doctor(s)/healthcare provider(s)):

Are you still receiving medical treatment? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Employer:

Wage Loss? ☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes, rate of pay:

Type of work:

"I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct."

8.21.12 Tacoma, wa  
(Date and Place (City, State))

King County Electronic Claim for Damages Form (Rev 07/2012)

Signature: Marylisa Priebe-Olson  
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**Claim for Damages  
Department of Executive Services  
Risk Management Division**

**Name:** Marylisa Priebe-Olson  
c/o Connelly Law Offices  
2301 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, Washington 98403  
253-593-8360  
[jkays@connelly-law.com](mailto:jkays@connelly-law.com)

**Date of Birth:** 11-1-67

**Your address at the time of loss/incident:** See above

**Date of incidents:** 1-1-2003 to present

**Time of incidents:** See above.

**Amount claimed:** \$1.5 million to \$3 million

**Location of incidents:** King County Sheriff's Department, Sexual Assault Unit  
Regional Justice Center, Kent, Washington

**Description of Details:**

Ms. Priebe-Olson is a long-time employee of the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO). She is currently a detective in the KCSO's Sexual Assault Unit, which is the detective unit that investigates crimes of sexual violence committed against children and adults. For well over a decade, she has worked in the Sexual Assault Unit under the management of various Sergeants including: Tony Provenzo and Paul Mahlum. Ms. Priebe-Olson is one of approximately four female detectives in the Sexual Assault Unit.

For the past nine years, while under the supervision of Provenzo and Mahlum, Ms. Priebe-Olson, and other female detectives in the Sexual Assault Unit have been subjected, unfairly and unlawfully, to sexual and gender based harassment. While under the management team of Provenzo and Mahlum, Ms. Priebe-Olson was subjected to repeated acts of: verbal abuse against Ms. Priebe-Olson; yelling, and screaming at Ms. Priebe-Olson in the presence of her peers; being a witness to Provenzo openly discussing the size of Ms. Luitgaarden's bottom, and making crude remarks about Ms. Ferguson's breasts; being a witness to Provenzo yelling and screaming at Ms. Ferguson and Ms. Luitgaarden; being a witness to Provenzo subjecting Ms. Luitgaarden and Ms. Ferguson to unfair criticism of their work product, while never criticizing their male colleagues for the same work product; threats of retaliation against Ms. Priebe-Olson for telling Provenzo that his aforementioned conduct was "inappropriate"; and other acts of sexual and gender based harassment. For the past nine years, Sergeants Provenzo and Mahlum have also

acted in a similarly unfair and unlawful manner to two of Ms. Priebe-Olson's co-workers: Ms. Luitgaarden and Ms. Ferguson.

In contrast, none of the four male detectives who work in the Sexual Assault Unit, supervised by Provenzo and Mahlum, are subjected to the aforementioned abuse and harassment.

Ms. Priebe-Olson has suffered significant damages as a result of the chronic and ongoing sexual and gender based harassment by her male superiors. Ms. Priebe-Olson has suffered tremendous emotional distress and stress that has impacted her job performance, and pain and humiliation as a result of the years of sexual and gender based harassment at the hands of Provenzo and Mahlum. The years spent working in the toxic, degrading and humiliating environment created by these male managers has taken a toll on her emotionally, physically and mentally.

**King County's Involvement: (if possible, please identify employee and/or department involved)**

The acts of sexual and gender based harassment, and other abuse as detailed above, occurred in the course of Ms. Priebe-Olson's employment as a detective with the King County Sheriff's Department, Sexual Assault Unit. The department involved is the King County Sheriff's Department. The employees involved in the discriminatory acts include the following individuals: Sergeants Tony Provenzo and Paul Mahlum. Our investigation is ongoing and may reveal additional individual parties involved.

**Witnesses:** Our investigation is ongoing; to date the following witnesses have been revealed:

Belinda Ferguson  
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2301 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, Washington 98403  
253-593-8360

Janette Luitgaarden  
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Tacoma, Washington 98403  
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Marylisa Priebe-Olson  
c/o Connelly Law Offices  
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Tacoma, Washington 98403  
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Detective Michael Gordon  
KCSO, Sexual Assault Unit  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Detective Chris Knudsen  
KCSO, Sexual Assault Unit  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Detective Casey Johnson  
KCSO, Sexual Assault Unit  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Detective Christine Elias  
KCSO, Sexual Assault Unit  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Detective Patricia Malley  
KCSO, Sexual Assault Unit  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Jessica Cline  
KCSO, Sexual Assault Unit  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Wendy Billingsley  
KCSO, Sexual Assault Unit  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Property Damage:** N/A

**Were you injured?:** Yes

**Describe your injuries:** See answer to Description of Details above. Our investigation is ongoing and we reserve the right to supplement the damages portion of this claim, including additional witnesses.